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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

8 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Maxwell D. Taylor

I refer to the proposed new section of your letter to the President in transmitting your report which contains the recommendation that the President express his sense of the need of a changed attitude on the part of the government and the people toward the emergency which confronts us; that he stress that we are in a life and death struggle which we may be losing unless we change our ways and marshal our resources with an intensity associated in the past only with times of war.

There then follow certain suggestions as to action of a dramatic character necessary to be taken to effect this change of attitude and in our courses of action.

As an intelligence officer, I concur in the general appraisal of world trends and of the gravity of the danger. The recommendation as to the major political decisions and actions which the government should take, as outlined in your letter, are not within my range of competence as Director of Central Intelligence.

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However, under the terms of the National Security Act of 1947, and N. S. C. action taken thereunder, particularly in NSC 5412/2, the Central Intelligence Agency has been assigned certain functions in the field of covert action. Over the past twelve years a large number of actions have been taken and are being taken under NSC 5412 with the approval and the policy guidance of the Special Group constituted thereunder. I feel that it is entirely within my competence to join with you and your advisers, if you are all in agreement, in recommending that there should be an immediate review (1) of the scope and adequacy of the covert directive contained in NSC 5412; (2) of all actions and programs which are now being carried out under the authority of NSC 5412/2, and (3) of the recommendations required for further specific actions or general courses of action which should be undertaken in the future under NSC 5412/2.

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In order to deal with the emerging critical issues with which this country is faced, it will be necessary to render more effective overt policies and actions of the government and our covert activities to insure their adequate coordination and effective implementation. I believe this work should be undertaken as a matter of urgency and through the CWSC, if it is constituted by the President.

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director